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**Appendix 3**

# Compilation of ASTM Standard Definitions



\* **lint content**, *n*—that portion of a mass of cotton fiber consisting of fiber, including normal moisture content, but excluding foreign matter. D 123, D 2612; D-13

\* **lint cotton**, *n*—loose cotton fibers in any form, either raw or processed, free of seeds and bound together in yarn or fabric. D 123, D 2495; D-13

\* **liners**—the short fibrous material adhering to seed after the ginning operation. After removal from the seed it is used to a limited extent as a fibrous raw material for special purposes. The principal use, however, is for chemical cellulose, that is, as the raw material for the manufacture of cellulose derivatives. D 1695, D-23

\* **liners**, *n*—the short fibrous material adhering to the cotton seed after the spinning operation. When removed by ginning and which is subsequently recovered from the seed by a process called "delinting." D 123, D-13

\* **lint, ginned**—See ginned lint. D 123, D-13

\* **lip**—the inner face of the lip of a flange on a lock-strip gasket. C 716, C 542; C-24

\* **lip and rim area**—that part of a drinking vessel which extends 20 mm below the rim on the outside of the specimen. C 927, C-14

\* **lip pressure**—the pressure exerted by the lip of a lock-strip gasket on material installed in the channel, when the lock-strip is in place. C 716, C 542; C-24

\* **lip seal pressure**—the lip pressure required to effect a seal against the passage of water and air. C 542, C-24

\* **liquefaction**—the process of transforming a solid from a solid state to a liquid state, usually as a result of increased pore pressure and reduced shearing resistance. D 653, D-18

\* **liquefaction (spontaneous liquefaction)**—the sudden large decrease of the shearing resistance of a cohesionless soil. It is caused by a collapse of the structure by shock of other type of strain and is associated with a sudden but temporary increase of the pore fluid pressure. It involves a temporary transformation of the material into a fluid mass. D 653, D-18

\* **liquid**—(flammability regulations) a substance that has a definite volume but no definite form, except such given by its container. It has a viscosity of  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $1 \times 10^3$  St ( $1 \times 10^{-1}$  to  $1 \times 10^3$  m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) at 104°F (40°C) or an equivalent viscosity at agreed upon temperature. MAR. 27. 2006 12:09 PM

ture. (This does not include powders and granular materials.) Liquids are divided into two classes:

**Class A, low viscosity**—a liquid having a viscosity of  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $25.00$  St ( $1 \times 10^{-1}$  to  $25.00 \times 10^{-1}$  m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) at 104°F (40°C) or an equivalent viscosity at an agreed upon temperature.

**Class B, high viscosity**—a liquid having a viscosity of  $25.01$  to  $1 \times 10^3$  St ( $25.01 \times 10^{-1}$  to  $1 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-1}$  m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) at 104°F (40°C) or an equivalent viscosity at an agreed upon temperature. D 16, D-1

\* **liquid bituminous material**—one having a definite volume but no definite form, except as provided by its container. It has a viscosity of  $0.1$  to  $1 \times 10^3$  cSt (mm<sup>2</sup>/s) at 40°C. This does not include powders or granular materials. D 1079, D-8

\* **liquid development**—development by means of a liquid dispersed in an organic liquid carrier. R 335, R-5

\* **liquid impingement**—impingement by liquid particles. G 40, G-2

\* **liquid impingement damage**—See damage. G 40, G-2

\* **liquid impingement erosion**—progressive loss of original material from a solid surface due to continued exposure to impacts by liquid drops or jets. G 40, G-2

\* **liquid-in-glass thermometer**—a temperature-measuring instrument whose indications are based on the material installed in the channel, when the lock-strip is in place. C 716, C 542; C-24

\* **liquid jet**—a body of liquid projected into motion, usually of approximately cylindrical shape, such as could be produced by discharging the liquid through an orifice. In liquid impingement testing two kinds of liquid jet are used:

(1) **continuous jet**—a continuous flow of liquid in the form of a jet.

(2) **slug or jet segment**—a body of liquid projected into motion, in the form approximately of a finite cylinder whose length is usually no more than several times its diameter and which moves in a direction approximately parallel to its length. G 40, G-2

\* **liquid limit (LL)**—the water content, in percent, of a soil at the arbitrarily defined boundary between the liquid and plastic states. This

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For: MANUFACTURE AND USE OF A  
HERBICIDE FORMULATION

Examiner: A. N. Pryor

**37 CFR 1.132 DECLARATION**

1. I am one of the inventors of the above referenced application. I am employed by Helena Chemical Company as a Manager of the Product Development Laboratory in Memphis, Tennessee. A copy of my most recent Curriculum Vitae is attached as Appendix A. In view of the above qualifications, I consider myself an expert in the field of agricultural compositions.

2. I have reviewed the office action which was mailed on November 30, 2004. The examiner has rejected the claims based on composition of AF-300. I have also reviewed and am familiar with AF-300 along with the above identified application.

3. The composition of AF-300 is found on their Material Safety Data Sheet ("MSDS"). MSDS sheet, dated January 2002 (see Appendix 1).

This MSDS sheet shows the following composition:

2,4-Dichlorophenoxy acetic acid at 300 grams per liter  
Synthetic ethoxylated alcohol at 50%  
Solvent 400 at 235 grams per liter.

4. According to the MSDS sheet for AF-300, Solvent 400 is kerosene. According to the online chemical reference at <http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus> the CAS number used on the AF-300 MSDS sheet (68439-46-3) is also known as Neodol 91-6. (See Appendix 2).
5. The formula was reproduced from the AF-300 MSDS sheet. This formula (A) contained 300 grams per liter of 2,4-D acid, 235 grams of kerosene (or Solvent 400), and 50% by volume of Neodol 91-6. For the purposes of this experiment, the formula will be tested with only the surfactant and the 2,4-D acid. After addition of the Neodol 91-6 to a beaker, the solution was clear. After the addition of 2,4-D acid, the formulation became cloudy with chunks of 2,4-D technical dispersed. After 2 hours of stirring at ambient, there was still a substantial amount of undissolved 2,4-D acid in the sample. The sample sat undisturbed over a weekend (for approximately 66 hours). There was no evidence even after this time that the 2,4-D was any more dissolved than after 2 hours of agitation.
6. The formula from our Example 1 of the patent application was reproduced. It contained 85% of a C11 alcohol with 3 moles of ethylene oxide, and 15% 2,4-D acid. After the addition of the 2,4-D acid to the ethoxylated alcohol, the formulation became cloudy with chunks of 2,4-D technical dispersed. After 30 minutes of stirring at ambient temperature, the formulation was clear and the 2,4-D acid was fully solubilized.
7. Photos of the formulations are available upon request.
8. I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001

of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may  
jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**Curriculum Vitae****Johnnie Roberts****July 22, 2005**

**Current job title with Helena Chemical Company:** Director of Product Development and Technical Services

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PAT. Title  
NO.

6,831,038 Agricultural formulation

6,541,424 Manufacture and use of a herbicide formulation

RE37,313 Homogeneous, essentially nonaqueous adjuvant compositions with buffering capability

6,232,272 Manufacture and use of herbicide chlorinated phenoxy formulation

5,906,961 Alkanolamide spreader-sticker surfactant combination

5,877,112 Agricultural formulation

5,741,502 Homogeneous, essentially nonaqueous adjuvant compositions with buffering capability

5,725,630 Dry granular fertilizer blend and a method of fertilizing plants

5,580,567 Homogeneous, essentially nonaqueous adjuvant compositions with buffering capability

5,393,791 Homogeneous, essentially nonaqueous adjuvant compositions with buffering capability

5,234,919 Water soluble, highly active dimethoate formulations in an alcohol/ester solvent system

5,178,795 Homogeneous, essentially nonaqueous adjuvant compositions with buffering capability